



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager *Patrick Urich*

DATE: September 17, 2020

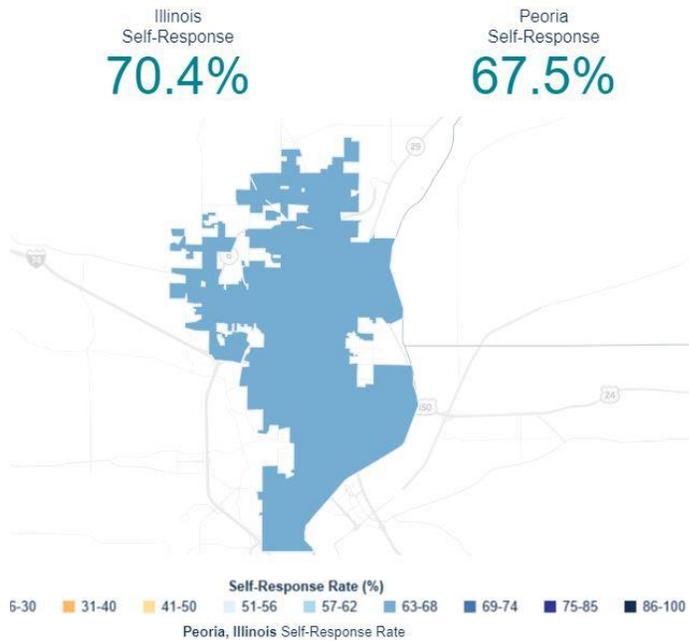
SUBJECT: Issues Update

The following are issues related to the City for the weekly Issues Update. If there are additional items you believe should be included, please let me know.

THE CENSUS DEADLINE IS APPROACHING

Self-Response by City

This map features self-response rates from households that responded to the 2020 Census online, by mail, or by phone. Rates can be viewed in [rankings here](#).



You have until September 30 to complete the 2020 Census. Remember—important funding is at stake with the completion of the Census.

It will be another ten years before we get this opportunity, so go to my2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020

Community Development Sow to Grow Community Garden Offers Programming and Fresh Food to North Valley

Last year, the Sow to Grow Community Garden was started with the goal of improving access to healthy fresh food and to providing ongoing education to empower residents with the skills and knowledge they need to make healthy food choices for life.

On Thursday, September 17th, from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM, Phoenix Community Development Services hosted an open house to celebrate the many contributions and community collaborators whose efforts and support made this garden blossom into what it is today. The garden hosts literacy programs for youth, nutrition education for adults, and gardening projects.

The Sow to Grow Community Garden is a collaboration between Phoenix Community Development Services, the Junior League of Peoria, University of Illinois Extension, and the city of Peoria Community Development Department.

For more information on the Sow to Grow Community Garden on Wayne Street, please contact Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator Kaylee Drea at 309-494-8624 or kdrea@peoriagov.org.



Community Development Department Canvassed for Census Drive-Thru Event

On the morning of Saturday, September 12th, volunteers from the Community Development Department canvassed throughout 61605 to distribute flyers about the 2020 Census and encourage residents to come out to Martin Luther King Jr. Park from 12 PM - 3 PM for free school supplies, free PPE, and complimentary food provided by Que for You, and to complete the Census questionnaire.

The Drive Up Peoria Giveaway was well attended with volunteers from multiple community agencies helping residents to complete their 2020 Census.

Economic Development—Business Interruption Grant (BIG) Program Highlights

BIG Program

Business Interruption Grant (BIG) Program Governor Pritzker and the General Assembly established the BIG program to provide relief to small businesses hit hard by the pandemic. \$540 million in grants were earmarked to small businesses to reimburse costs incurred due to COVID-19. After an initial round of funding, \$200 million remains. The breakdown of the priorities for distributing the \$200 million is as follows:

- More than half of the funds are earmarked for businesses downstate which includes all counties outside those that received direct support from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund (Cook, DuPage, Kane and Will)
- **\$70 million** will be invested in disproportionately impacted areas (DIA's) DIAs in Peoria include the following zip codes **61603, 61604, 61605, 61606 and 61610**
- **\$60 million** set aside for heavily impacted industries (**Contact Economic Development for a list of heavily impacted industries**)
- Remaining funds will be available to any small business meeting eligibility criteria

Eligible businesses include for-profit entities with \$20 million or less in annual revenues in 2019 and experienced losses due to COVID-19. Grant size will be calculated based on losses of revenue and/or expenses most recent 60 days. The grant amounts will range from **\$5k to \$150K**.

Economic Development department will be providing technical assistance to Peoria based businesses submitting applications for this grant.

BIG program will prioritize applicants who:

- Did not receive PPP or other forms of emergency aid from the CARES ACT or State
- Are located in DIAs

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- Are subject to regional mitigation measures due to COVID resurgence
- Have less than \$5M in annual revenue

Application Opens on September 17th, 2020

<https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/SmallBizAssistance/Pages/C19DisadvantagedBusGrants.aspx>

For more information on technical assistance or other incentives you can contact Economic Development via email @ economicdevelopment@peoriagov.org or by phone at 309 494-8640

Peoria Public Schools – Update from Superintendent Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat

In the past two years, the RHS Marine Corps JROTC program's two instructors, First Sergeant Shawn Martin and Gunnery Sergeant Miguel Chavez, have grown the program from 79 cadets to nearly 180 cadets by focusing on building discipline, teamwork and leadership skills, and frequent community service projects.

Recently, their efforts have garnered national acclaim. The RHS MCJROTC program has been designated a Naval Honor School, ranking it in the top ten percent of MJROTC programs nationally, and Cadet Captain Shreeya Pattekar, an RHS senior, was selected as one of four Legion of Valor winners in the country.

The United States has 260 high schools with MJROTC programs, divided into four geographical regions. Each school competes annually to be named a Naval Honor School. Schools are judged on the scope of their program including cadets' GPAs and attendance, how many cadets enter college after graduation, community service hours and rifle team competition results. RHS principal Carly Emken points out that many of the winning schools are military academies. "It is huge for a public school in the Midwest to make this list!" she says.

Each school nationally also nominates one cadet to be named a Legion of Valor winner in their region. Pattekar is the first student in the history of the RHS MJROTC program to win the Legion of Valor, the highest honor a cadet can win. Legion of Valor recipients are selected by a board consisting of three-star Marine Corps officers or retired officers, based on academic transcripts, records of volunteer hours and ROTC awards, and letters of recommendations. It is worth noting that community service comes naturally to Pattekar. Her parents, Mandar and Mugdha Pattekar, led of a team of amazing Trewyn School volunteers who won the PPS Those Who Excel award in 2016!

The RHS cadets in the MCJROTC program are heavily involved in the community. In early September, the city of Peoria reached out to MCJROTC to request assistance for a disabled veteran whose yard had become dangerously overgrown and a code violation. The cadets spent a rainy week cleaning two dumpsters worth of weeds, brush and trash from the yard. This summer, once pandemic restrictions were lifted, the cadets prepared and served meals to the homeless at Neighborhood House.

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We know that in education, one size does not fit all. We are grateful that 1st Sgt Martin and Gy Sgt Chavez have built a program that many students find a perfect fit.

Serve passionately,



Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Superintendent

UNITED WAY NEWS

Introducing HOWIE: “Hygiene. On. Wheels. Independence. Empowered.”



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Heart of Illinois United Way and our Home for All Continuum of Care are partnering with Phoenix Community Development Services to provide HOWIE, a mobile hygiene unit serving individuals experiencing homelessness in Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, and Fulton counties.

Hitting the road Fall 2020, the self-contained winterized HOWIE unit features two complete bathrooms with showers, laundry facilities, and a wheelchair lift. More than a shower and clean clothes, HOWIE will connect individuals experiencing homelessness to critical services that support securing stable housing.

The City of Peoria works closely with the United Way and the Home for all Continuum of Care. We are excited to share this news on their behalf. This fall, the Heart of Illinois United Way and our Home for All Continuum of Care are partnering with Phoenix Community Development

Services to provide a mobile hygiene unit serving individuals experiencing homelessness in Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, and Fulton counties.

Everyone deserves the basic comfort and safety that comes from equal access to showers, bathrooms, and laundry facilities. Since the start of COVID-19, many individuals experiencing homelessness have had limited access to facilities with running water and basic hygiene supplies while being at a higher risk of developing hygiene related illnesses.

Central Illinois' new mobile hygiene unit called HOWIE ("Hygiene. On. Wheels. Independence. Empowered.") will do more than provide a shower and clean clothes, it will provide a fresh start for those in need. By connecting people to critical resources through the Heart of Illinois 2-1-1 Information and Referral Service and the Phoenix Community Development Services Outreach Program, HOWIE will help move homeless individuals onto a path to stable housing through vital resources such as emergency shelter, case management, mental health services, workforce readiness support, and more.

"With the ongoing response to COVID-19, the Heart of Illinois United Way and our Home for All Continuum of Care recognizes the need for a long-term solution to address the need for easily accessible, safe, and free hygiene for our homeless population. The partnerships we have established to bring HOWIE to central Illinois are the perfect example of how our community was able to collaborate across multiple nonprofit and civic organizations to address a critical need," Jennifer Zammuto, Heart of Illinois United Way President, said.

Starting late fall, the self-contained winterized HOWIE unit features two complete bathrooms with showers, laundry facilities, and a wheelchair lift. By assisting unsheltered individuals without access to these types of facilities, HOWIE will provide vital services on location throughout the community.

"Wherever there is need, HOWIE can be our first step in providing our population experiencing homelessness with a new level of care that empowers independence, fuels optimism, and improves health - not just physical health, but also self-esteem and mental health. By partnering with the Heart of Illinois United Way and the Home for All Continuum of Care, our outreach program will be able to provide critical support where it is needed most," Christine Kahl, Phoenix Community Development Services President and CEO, said.

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Funds for this mobile hygiene unit were raised from generous community donations from the Heart of Illinois United Way's COVID-19 Fund. By collaborating and investing in HOWIE, the Heart of Illinois United Way is providing a long-term, sustainable solution to improve health and wellbeing.

Since 2016, the Home for All Continuum of Care has partnered with the Heart of Illinois United Way to build a sustainable collaboration of more than 50 cross-sector organizations aligning to end homelessness in central Illinois through support of individuals and families seeking permanent, safe and affordable housing.

For more information, please contact Gina Edwards, VP of Marketing and Community Engagement at 309-674-5181, ext 1234.

Community Development Weekly Report

Please see attached.

WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Date: 9/16/2020

This summary document is produced on a weekly basis. It is used as an agenda for the City Development Review Board and as a transparency tool to allow the public to be aware of development in Peoria.

1. Summary Information

- **One Stop Shop** is held every Monday at 1:30 PM in City Hall. This is a free service for anyone who wants to discuss development with staff from various City departments, local utility companies, the Health Department, and CityLink.
- **Development Center Permits** can typically be issued immediately and/or do not require an extensive review period. These permits include most trade (electrical, plumbing, HVAC, etc.) permits, repair permits, new single-family residential construction, alteration/additions, and demolitions.
- Each permit application includes a self-reported value of the project. The **Total Value of Development (YTD)** is the sum of these reported values.

	This Week	YTD
One Stop Shop Customers	0	20
Development Center Permits Issued	31	1,328
Total Value of Development (YTD)	\$ 931,100	\$ 138,379,889

2. Development Review Board Projects

- The **Development Review Board** is a group of City staff, local utility representatives, and other local government agencies that review and comment on more complex development applications and cases that are required to go to a public hearing.
- A **Job** is a development application that requires multiple departments to review for compliance but does not require a public hearing or City Council review.
- A **Project** is a development application that requires multiple departments to review for compliance and requires a public hearing before a City Commission and in some cases, a final decision by the City Council.
- The **Staff Assigned** to each Job or Project is the primary contact person for any inquires.

Job/Project #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
Job 20-1258	2412 W. Miners Dr 09-30-201-016	Residential Alteration	Solar Panel – Eagle Point Solar	5	LA
Job 20-1260	1920 W. Casecreek 03-30-481-013	Residential Alteration	Solar Panel-Moxie Solar	5	LA
Job 20-1263	6112 N. Northmoor Ct 14-16-155-010	Commercial Alterations	Int/Ext Alteration-BCDI	4	KS
Job 20-1282	2300 W. Imperial Dr 14-18-204-007	Residential Alteration	Solar Panel-Ruyle Mechanical Services	5	LA
Job 20-1285	3212 N. Isabell Ave 14-29-453-010	Residential Alteration	Solar Panel- Sigora Solar LLC	2	KS

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Job 20-1294	3601 N. North St 14-28-301-003	Commercial Alterations	Solar Panel-Hein Construction	2	KS
Job 20-1296	6518 N. Sheridan Rd 14-16-101-004	Commercial Alterations	Cell Tower Upgrade- AT&T	4	KS
Job 20-1299	2006 S. Griswold St 18-19-201-006	Commercial Alterations	Cell Tower Upgrade- AT&T	1	KS
Job 20-1301	832 W. Hurlburt St 18-08-428-037	Commercial Alterations	Cell Tower Upgrade- T-Mobile	1	KS
Job 20-1302	6518 N. Sheridan Rd 14-16-101-004	Commercial Alterations	Cell Tower Upgrade- T-Mobile	4	KS

Additional Activity

- These projects are not subject to review by the Development Review Board.

Job/Project #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
Job 20-1259	7611 N. Knoxville 14-08-226-024	Sign	Signs – Keyser Industries	5	LA
20-1292	2200 W. War Memorial 14-35-128-001	Sign	Signs- Spirit Halloween	4	KS

3. Certificates of Occupancy Issued

- **Certificates of Occupancy** are issued after the work authorized by a permit has been inspected and substantially meets all applicable codes and regulations.

Address	Type	Business Name	Council District
10711 N Sawmill Ln	NSFD - Final	Peoria Builders	5
4100 W Willow Knolls	Final	Styles Studio Fitness	5

4. Peoria City/County Health Department License Information

- The **Peoria City/County Health Department** licenses multiple types of food establishments. The information in this table is provided for informational purposes only.

Address	Business Name	Description	Council District
2415 N. Sheridan	LaPadella	Approved Plans	2
1200 Main	Jerk Hut	Approved Plans	2

- The following table provides contact information for the **Community Development Staff** who are typically assigned to manage development applications.

Community Development Department Staff Contact Information			
Leah Allison (LA) Senior Urban Planner	494-8667	Kimberly Smith (KS) Senior Urban Planner	494-8612

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Josh Naven (JN) Senior Urban Planner	494-8657		Kerilyn Weick (KW) Senior Urban Planner	494-8606
Craig Reid (CR) Building Inspector	494-8925		Wes Stickelmaier (WS) Building Inspections Coordinator	494-8608
Rich Storm (RS) Plumbing Inspector	494-8632		Matt Ziller (MZ) Building Inspector	494-8628